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PURCHASE SITE IN GALVESTON
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Special in The News.

GALVESTON, Texas, June 27.—

The Walker-Smith Company, owners of a chain of wholesale grocery stores and grocers and candy manufacturing establishments have purchased a site on the southwest corner of Twenty-sixth street and Avenue A, where it will erect a modern fire-proof building especially adapted to food and candy manufacturing and a wholesale grocery business. This marks the success of the second venture by Galveston's Commercial Association within one week in the matter of bringing manufacturing and distributing concerns of prominence and worth to Galveston. Much of this success is attributed to the additional distributing facilities enjoyed by Galveston as a result of the opening of the Intercontinental Canal, and the predicted increase of these facilities to come with the opening of the Panama Canal.

The magnet drawing the attention of manufacturing and distributing concerns is the very low freight rates at which goods can be imported through Galveston and set down within the western and southwestern territory. The low rates on water transportation are directly responsible for this condition. The Walker-

Smith Company maintained headquarters at Brownwood and operated branch stores at Ballinger, San Angelo, Brady, Sweetwater, and Abilene. The Brownwood house will be transformed into a branch house and headquarters will be established at Galveston, opening for business September first.

J. L. Smith, banker of Amarillo and secretary-treasurer of the firm, and J. Blackwell of Brownwood, vice-president, have been in Galveston some time investigating matters pertaining to the firm's intention to establish headquarters here. Mr. Smith says: "We have grown to a point where we want to spread out more. We will establish in Galveston a large wholesale supply house from which we will supply the trade throughout the city. We will make Galveston our principal importing station and through this port will bring goods purchased in the eastern markets, taking advantage of the water rates from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and the Eastern markets, supplying our western houses more economically than we can by all rail shipments from these points."

Notice to the Water Customers

The hot weather of the past few days has caused an enormous demand for water. We kindly ask all customers to be so economical as possible in their demand for water, and not sprinkle for several days. We are pumping an abnormal amount of water for a city the size of Amarillo, which leads us to think that some people are wasting a great deal of water. We will consider it a great favor if our friends will report to us any one wasting water.

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CEREMONIES at HINDU WEDDING

Few Hindus in India have the privilege of witnessing a high caste Hindu wedding and only special circumstances enabled the writer to be present at the ceremonies described here.

Bahadur, the father, had arranged a marriage between Anandi, only daughter of Bahadur, a wealthy member of the Kulkarni caste, and Sundara, a son of the same caste. That is the custom of Hindus in India. Anandi was not quite ten months old when she was married. Anandi had never seen her future husband. Nobody had ever thought of asking the opinion of either of the most interested parties as to the proposed marriage.

The expenses of a Hindu wedding come upon the bride's father, and they are great. A family wedding is called an "imposition" for many years by the marriage of a daughter. The best man usually is the head of the family. Sundara, when his mother is married, the eldest son is almost sure to be given when he leaves his father.

The woman herself, who is another great institution in India, must every day for two weeks, she bathed Anandi thoroughly in perfumed water. Every day the girl's hands and feet got an application of henna. On the evening of the wedding day Anandi was bathed in rose water and her hands and feet got a last application of henna.

Many Jewels

She was dressed in a red silk sarree embroidered with gold and finished with a golden border at the bottom. Around her waist were draped chains of gold, which were fastened by golden buckles set with jewels.

Her arms from the shoulder to the wrist were covered with armlets and

bangles, where about the women and children, each woman with a chudai drawn tightly over her nose. Then five women came in, all of them closely veiled and wrapped in silk sarrees. The first was the bride's mother. On top of her head was a little tray filled with red and white of rice. She carried a jeweled chalice of water in her hand.

Bride Carried In.
The four other women bore trays loaded with different kinds of fruit. The women marched around the bridegroom seven times, the mother pouring the water gently out of the chalice so that it formed a circle around Sundara. She then stepped aside and the bride was brought in.

A number of symbolic figures had been chalked upon a board. On top of these figures the bride was seated and then carried into the room by the father and his assistants. Within the circle which had been made by the water the mother had spilled Anandi was carried around Sundara six times. The board was then lowered from the shoulders that bore it and the bride was placed at her husband's feet.

During this ceremony the bridegroom had never moved a muscle. The father and his assistants now lifted Anandi to the level of Sundara's face, underneath a large sheet which had been stretched over their heads. The bride's mother and another woman, near of kin, were on either side of the bride pair. Each woman held a light close to the face of the bride and bridegroom and the carrier was removed from the bride's face.

The sheets were then carried away and the bridegroom walked into the gods' house. The father and his assistants carried the bride in just after her husband. Within a circle chalked



INDIAN WEDDING, HIS TEN WIVES AND FOUR CHILDREN

bracelets. Close under her throat was a necklace of pearls, below which hung a dozen or more gold chains. Her ears, which had been pierced in six places, had earrings of fine workmanship suspended from each hole. From where the hair met the forehead was hung a fringe of gold and pearls. On her ankles were gold bangles. All of this gold would have proved a heavy burden to the bride if she had been obliged to walk, but she was not.

In another part of the house the guru of the two families were laying down the law to the two fathers-in-law, making the necessary settlements and promises. This ceremony, which is tedious and lasted several hours, was witnessed by the ladies who went among guests and sprinkled them with rose water which was carried in silver vases.

On upon the ears of the guests burst the cry. The bridegroom came! All heads were turned to see six little girls who could not have been over six years of age bearing lighted torches ran through the court and set into the street and lead Sundara in.

The bridegroom was seated upon a rug placed in the center of the court for him. While he was seated on this rug, and it was as much as an hour, he was instructed in his marital rights and duties by the family guru.

On the ground, nearly in front of Sundara, was a small pan of bright red coals of sacred fire, and at his side was the father, who was master of ceremonies and who from time to time blew a trumpet.

The family guru left the courtyard and went into the women's apart-

ment. The bride and bridegroom were seated opposite one another, between them was a vase filled with flowers. On this vase the back of the bridegroom's hand was placed while the back of the bride's hand was placed in his palm. The two hands were then bound together with wreaths of flowers while in them the marriage vow was pledged.

Each family guru laid down the law to the opposing father-in-law, but not one word was said to the bride couple. At the side of the bride's father was a large dish filled with water from the sacred Ganges, into which he had dropped a ruby ring and a thin iron bracelet. The bracelet was given to the bride and the ring to the bridegroom, who were both sprinkled with some of the sacred water and the flowers were thrown at them.

The bride, still on the plank, was lifted and carried, first to the right side of the room and then to the left. The shoulders of the bride and bridegroom were next tied together. This made them husband and wife.

After the marriage knot had thus been tied the bride was placed on her feet, standing in front of her husband with her back toward him. The attendants placed in her hand a plate upon which were some rice and some plantain, while a step of lighted straw was thrown at her feet. The bride was then conducted to her husband's side in the parting of her hair at the front some red powder was rubbed. This red powder may be worn by wives only, never by maids or widows, and the chudai, which she now donned for the first time, was drawn over her face.

Amarillo Society

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features. At its close refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served.

Those present were Misses Antil and All May Aston, Mrs. George, Mrs. Brummett, Messrs. Thompson, Witherspoon, Little, Blackburn and Fountain.

The Federation of Women announced a meeting to be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the literary rooms of the City Hall. The "Amarillo Beautiful Committee" of which Mrs. Avery Turner is chairman, is requested to meet about 3:45 p. m. A full attendance is urged.

The Home Mission Society of the First Christian church has disbanded until the second week in September though the ladies will still take orders for home made delicacies, if notice is given to Mrs. Latney Barnes 606 Pierce street.

The following wedding announcement has been received in Amarillo: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shepard announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Irene, to Mr. James Louis White, Jr., Tuesday, the twenty-fourth of June, nineteen hundred and thirteen, Plano, Texas. At home at McKinney, Texas.

Personals

Mrs. L. B. Simmons and little daughter, Dorothy, who have been on a three months' trip, returned home yesterday accompanied by Mr. Simmons who spent the past two weeks with them at Galveston.

Mrs. C. E. Snyder is on an extended visit in California.

Dr. Robert Lee Miller, of Wichita Falls, arrived in the city yesterday to be the guest of his parents, Capt. and Mrs. Will A. Miller, 1300 Tyler street. Dr. Miller is just recovering from a recent illness and is in Amarillo to recuperate.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dickson have as their guest Miss Ruth of Sulphur Springs.

Miss Colla Jenkins, late principal of the primary department of the Clando, Texas, public school, now visiting with her sister and family, Mrs. T. H. Collins at 603 West Ninth St., will leave about July 3 for a summer vacation in Colorado, and will attend the Chautauqua at Boulder during her stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner who left several weeks ago on a pleasure trip to Colorado and other points are now enjoying San Francisco and Los Angeles.

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ACCIDENTALLY SHOT AND KILLED AT BURKHURNETT

N. S. Griggs received a message last night from Burk Burnett, stating that his cousin, J. Cass Dixon, aged 33, had been accidentally shot and killed at that point. The details were meager. Mr. Dixon was a native of Tennessee. His parents live on a ranch near Clovis, N. M. The remains will be shipped to Amarillo, and held, pending more definite advice as to the point of interment.

Ulcers and Skin Troubles

If you are suffering with any old running or fever sores, ulcers, boils, eczema or other skin troubles, get a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and you will get relief promptly. Mrs. Bruce Jones, of Birmingham, Ala., suffered from an ugly ulcer for nine months and Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured her in two weeks. Will help you. Only 25c. Recommended by Amarillo Drug Store.

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